GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Post Matric Scholarship for Disabled
Chautala Shri Dushyant

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 2368 students with disabilities and 3777 students under post-matric scholarship scheme have been benefited in the year 2015-16 and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether there is lack of awareness regarding Government's schemes amongst students with disabilities which led to poor number of beneficiaries and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(c) whether the Government has issued any special guidelines to the States for awareness generation and timely effective implementation of the scheme for upliftment of physically and mentally challenged persons and if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GUJJAR)

(a) Under post-matric scholarship scheme for students with disabilities, 4107 students for the year 2015-16 had been benefited. Out of them, scholarship amount to 2405 students was released during 2015-16 and scholarship amount to 1702 students was released during 2016-17.

Under pre-matric scholarship scheme for students with disabilities, 2185 students for the year 2015-16 had been benefited. Out of them, scholarship amount to 1805 students was released during 2015-16 and scholarship amount to 380 students was released during 2016-17.

(b) and (c) In order to give wide publicity and to create awareness of the schemes of this Department throughout the country, the following measures had been taken:
(i) Six regional workshops were organized by this Department during 2015-16 and 2016-17 to create awareness and to sensitize the State Nodal Officers about the process of dealing with scholarship applications.
(ii)Advertisements are published through newspapers all over the country;
(iii) The schemes are uploaded in the web-site of this Department for public awareness;
(iv) The National Scholarship Portal (NSP) has been simplified and the revised version NSP 2.0 has been launched to make it more user-friendly;
(v) In case of remote areas where there might be network problem the school or college or the State Governments have been allowed to upload applications in NSP portal in bulk;
(vi) A help desk has been set up in the NSP Portal;

Due to the above efforts made by the Department, there is considerable improvement in the number of applications in the scholarship schemes being run through the NSP 2.0, the details of which are shown below:-

Name of Scheme	Applications received on NSP	
	2015-16	2016-17
Pre-matric scholarship	3877	16572
Post-matric scholarship	6039	19099
Scholarship for Top Class Education	60	196

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